

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 JERUSA 01022 190822Z

10

ACTION L-02

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 H-02 SP-02 AID-05 EB-07 NSC-05

CIEP-01 TRSE-00 SS-15 STR-04 OMB-01 CEA-01 COME-00

SAB-01 CIAE-00 FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 XMB-02

OPIC-03 LAB-04 SIL-01 /083 W
----- 095319

R 190606Z JUN 75

FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

TO SECSTATE WASDHD 7127

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1022

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, ETRD, IS, JO

SUBJ: ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS

REF: STATE 122126; TEL AVIV 3680

1. SUMMARY, OUR INQUIRES SUPPORT INDICATION REPORTED TEL AVIV 3680 THAT ANY ISRAELI DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES ON IMPORTS AND RELATED MATTERS IS BASED ON EXISTENCE OF STATE OF WAR. REGULATION OF TRADE WITH JORDAN VIA BRIDGES PRESUMABLY FALLS UNDER TRADING WITH ENEMY LAW CITED THAT MESSAGE. WEST BANKERS ALSO COMPLAIN OF ARBITRARY SYSTEM THAT FROM TIME TO TIME PROHIBITS SALE IN ISRAEL OF VARIOUS W.B. PRODUCTS (MAINLY AGRICULTURAL) IN COMPETITION WITH ISRAELI PRODUCTS, BUT BASIS FOR SUCH PROHIBITION NOT CLEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. INFO AVAILABLE FROM WEST BANK SOURCES INDICATES THAT REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO DIRECT IMPORTS INTO ISRAEL (OR ISRAELI-CONTROLLED TERRITORY) FROM ARAB STATES RELATE TO STATE OF WAR EXISTING BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES. IT WOULD APPEAR, THEREFORE, THAT THEY MAY BE BASED ON TRADING WITH ENEMY LAW CITED TEL AVIV 3680. WE ARE ALSO TOLD THAT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 JERUSA 01022 190822Z

REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPORTS FROM JORDAN VIA BRIDGES DIFFER

FROM THOSE GOVERNING IMPORTS DIRECTLY INTO ISRAEL PROPER.
E.G. VIA HAIFA. FORMER APPARENTLY ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE
IN THAT PERMITS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR IMPORT ONTO WEST BANK IN
CASES WHERE NONE REQUIRED FOR IMPORT DIRECTLY INTO ISRAEL.
INFORMANTS UNABLE PROVIDE SPECIFICS BUT DISTINCTION PROBABLY
RELATES TO FACT THAT IMPORTS ONTO WEST BANK INEVITABLY
COME FROM JORDAN, AN "ENEMY" STATE. SOURCES BELIEVE THAT
IN PRACTICE ACTUAL ISSUANCE OF IMPORT PERMITS IS DETERMINED
MAINLY BY ISRAELI PROTECTIONIST TRADE POLICY RATHER THAN
ORIGIN OF GOODS.

3. QUESTION OF ISRAELI BAN ON DIRECT IMPORTS TO ISRAEL FROM
ARAB COUNTRIES OTHER THAN JORDAN WOULD NOT APPEAR TO ARISE
AS PRACTICAL MATTER, SINCE SUCH TRADE GENERALLY NOT PERMITTED
BY ARAB COUNTRIES IN ANY EVENT. AS FOR IMPORTS VIA JORDAN,
ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL BOTH SEEM TO IGNORE WHATEVER BANS
MAY EXIST WHEN IT SUITS THEIR PURPOSES. FOR EXAMPLE, WEST
BANK IMPORTERS BUY SOUVENIR ITEMS MADE IN SYRIA. SYRIA
PRETENDS END-USER IF JORDAN, AND ISRAEL TREATS ITEM AS THOUGH
ORIGINATING IN JORDAN.

4. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH PERTINENT ISRAELI BANKING
REGULATIONS BUT AS PRACTICAL MATTER ANY GOODS SHIPPED TO
ISRAEL VIA ARAB COUNTRY WITH LETTER OF CREDIT FROM ISRAELI
BANK WOULD PROBABLY NOT REACH DESTINATION SINCE ARAB COUNTRIES
BAN SUCH TRADE. ARAB IMPORTERS ON WEST BANK WISHING TO OBTAIN
GOODS FROM ARAB COUNTRY GENERALLY HAVE GOODS SHIPPED TO
JORDAN ON LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY AMMAN BANK. GOODS
ARE THEN RE-EXPORTED TO WEST BANK.

5. WEST BANKERS CLAIM PROBLEM OF ISRAELI DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST ARAB GOODS IS NOT ONE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE BUT ONE
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB WEST BANK. THEY TELL US ISRAEL
PROHIBITS SHIPMENT AND SALE OF WB GOODS IN ISRAEL THAT COMPETE
AGAINST ISRAELI GOODS. ACCORDING TO EAST JERUSALEM ARAB
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PROHIBITED ITEMS ARE LARGELY AGRICULTURAL
AND VARY WITH SEASON. IN RESPONSE TO C OF C PROTEST AGAINST
ARBITRARY SYSTEM, SOURCE SAID CUSTOMS OFFICIAL DENIED EXISTENCE
OF BAN AND AGRICULTURE MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID LIST OF BANNED
ITEMS COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED BECAUSE IT CHANGED ALMOST DAILY.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 JERUSA 01022 190822Z

CONSIDERABLE PRODUCE EVADES CONTROLS BUT WHEN FOUND IS CON-
FISCATED BY GOI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. BASIS FOR CONTROLS NOT
CLEAR, BUT IF GOI VIEWS WEST BANK AS TECHNICALLY JORDANIAN,
TRADING WITH ENEMY LAW COULD APPLICABLE.

6. WE UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE OBTAIN TEXTS OF ANY PERTINENT
REGULATIONS, BUT EMBASSY TEL AVIV MAY WISH TRY TO OBTAIN
MORE PRECISE INFO RE TRADE VIA BRIDGES FROM MILGOVT

AUTHORITIES. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING MORE
AUTHORITATIVE IT CAN LEARN ABOUT REGULATIONS ON SHIPMENT
TO AND SALE IN ISRAEL OF W.B. PRODUCTS.
JONES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: IMPORTS, TRADE CONTROLS, BOYCOTTS, BUSINESS FIRMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975JERUSA01022
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750213-0740
From: JERUSALEM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750635/aaaabfvz.tel
Line Count: 119
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION L
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 122126, 75 TEL AVIV 3680
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 AUG 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <28 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS
TAGS: ECON, ETRD, IS, JO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006